Financial restructuring for Cochin Shipyard

3081. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial restructuring was done for Cochin Ship-Yard as apart of its revival plan;

(b) if so, whether same is being done for Hindustan Ship-Yard and Hooghly Dock & Port Engineering as part of these revival plans; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not adopting uniform measures for revival of Public Sector Ship Building and Ship Repairing Units?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal for restructuring of capital base of Hindustan Shipyard is under consideration of Govt. There is, however, no proposal for restructuring of capital base of Hooghly Dock & Port Engineers Ltd.

(c) In order to identify the problems and to draw up rehabilitation package for Public Sector Shipyards, Govt. had appointed Commottees/Consultants to make necessary recommendation. While the genesis for capital restructuring of Cochin Shipyard Ltd. & Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. lies in the recommendations made in 1987-88 by the High Powered Committee headed by Shri Lovraj Kumar, the recommendation for revival and modernisation of Hooghly Dock & Port Engineers Ltd. made by four Committees/Consultants during 1936 to 1995 did not have capital restructuring as one of the measures. However, based on the recommendation of the Bawa Committee, Govt. have since accepted the short term revival measures for HDPE in July '96 to be followed by drawing up of a long term plan for its revival. Action to implement the same has since been initiated.

वस्त्र उद्योग में मंदी

3082. **श्री रामजीलाल:** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को यह जानकारी है कि देश में पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान वस्त्र उद्योग में भारी मंदी आई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने वस्त्रों संबंधी निर्यात नीति में कोई परिवर्तन किए हैं जिनके परिणामस्वरूप वस्त्र उद्योग में मंदी आई है; और

(घ) वस्त्र उद्योग में आई इस मंदी को दूर करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा कौन-कौन से कदम उठाए गए हैं?

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री आर.एल. जालप्पा): (क) पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान देश में वस्त्र क्षेत्र में अच्छी प्रगति हुई है जिसमें गिरावट आने के कोई आसार नहीं हैं।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Cancellation of passenger ship service between Nagapattinam and Singapore

3083. SHRI O.S. MANIAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the passenger ship service between Nagapattinam and Singapore via Madras has been cancelled;

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take to restore the service; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRIT.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A passenger ship plying between Madras/Nagapattinam/Penang/Port Kelang/Singapore caught fire in February, 1985 and was extensively damaged and the vessel was scrapped. Further, it was also decided in November, 1985 not to resume this service as it was not economically viable. At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to restore this service.

Installation of Telephones in Calcutta

3084. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new telephones proposed